

DISCUSS PLAN TO BAR MAYS.

Boston-Detroit Teams Put Action Up to Speaker—Strike Proposed.

BOSTON, Aug. 17.—A decision to consult Manager Speaker of the Cleveland Americans before taking any action toward asking that Carl Mays, pitcher of the New York team, be barred from further participation in organized baseball, was reached by members of the Boston and Detroit teams after a meeting today. Several of the players expressed the opinion that some move of this kind should be made as a result of the death of Ray Chapman of Cleveland, who was hit by a ball pitched by Mays yesterday.

Shortstop Bush of the Detroit team announced that he was prepared to volunteer his services to the Cleveland club for the rest of the season if sanction of the League officials could be obtained. Sentiment among his fellow players indicated that no opposition to such an arrangement was probable from members of his own club.

Members of the Boston Club who were team mates of Mays until the latter deserted the club prior to his sale to New York last year said they felt certain the Detroit players would join in any action that might be decided on.

The players held a meeting at the clubhouse before taking the field this afternoon. The petition was discussed, as was the proposal to refuse to play in any game in which Mays took part. It was said that the players were agreed that action of some kind should be taken by them, but at the suggestion of some of the cooler heads it was decided to ask Manager Tris Speaker of the Cleveland Club for a statement on the fatal accident and on the action proposed.

Mays has been a storm centre of baseball controversy for years, first because of his close pitching, as a result of which players frequently complained that he had tried to "dust them off," and later, when the deal between the Boston and New York Clubs, by which he was transferred, precipitated a factional fight among club owners and President Johnson which threatened to disrupt the league.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—A suggestion that players of the American League baseball clubs "strike" against any further participation by Pitcher Carl Mays of the New York Americans in league contests was made today by St. Louis players, who joined members of the Washington team in informal meetings to discuss the death of Ray Chapman. Washington players took no action pending a decision by the league authorities as to their course.

St. Louis players were said to have favored a general appeal to all others in the league to refuse to play in any game where Mays was included.